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SOURCE : WELL INFORMED SDO FUNCTIONARY (B).

SUBJECT : REASONS FOR DGB STRIKES

1. THE DGB'S PLANS FOR A STRIKE AND THE MILITANT STATEMENTS WHICH IT ISSUED AFTER THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON 26 JANUARY 1958 RESULTED FROM A REPORT CONCERNING A SECRET DOCUMENT WHICH APPEARED TO INDICATE THAT THE GOVERNMENT PLANNED TO POSTPONE THE EXPANSION OF THE CO-DETERMINATION LAW AND, IF POSSIBLE, TO REMOVE SOME OF THE EXISTING LEGISLATION ON THIS SUBJECT.

2. PREVIOUSLY, AT A JOINT MEETING WITH THE SDO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON 15 JANUARY, THE SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE DGB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAD AGAIN REFUSED TO TRY TO ENDDGE THE DGB COMMITTEE TO VOTE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SDO CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE PARLIAMENT. ON THE AFTERNOON OF 16 JANUARY, UPON ERICH KILLENSHAFT'S RETURN FROM OSLO, WILHELM MULLER AND WILHELM HEINE REPORTED TO HIM THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE DGB SEEMED TO HAVE FINALLY FAILED. THAT EINHARD MULLER PRIVATELY TOLD A GROUP OF SDO LEADERS THAT HE WAS GLOOMY ABOUT THE OUTLOOK FOR

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BROADENING THE BASE OF THE CAMPAIGN, AND ADDED THAT THE MOST THEY COULD GET WAS THAT WALTER FREITAG, Chairman of the DDP, HAS AGREED TO ADDRESS A RALLY WHICH OCCURRED ON 29 JANUARY IN SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH IN FRANKFURT. (SOURCE COMMENT: THE FEDERAL LEADERSHIP OF THE DDP HAS STILL NOT OFFICIALLY COMMITTED THE DDP TO THE SPD CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE PARIS AGREEMENTS. THE SPD, HOWEVER, IS DOING ITS URGEST TO OBTAIN SUCH A CONFIRMATION OR AT LEAST MAKE IT APPEAR THAT THE CONFIRMATION EXISTS.)

3. MEANTIME, HOWEVER, (D) VIKTOR BOHRIS (FIELD COMINT: BOHRIS IS A MEMBER OF THE SPD COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL LABOR AFFAIRS AND ALSO DIRECTOR OF THE DDP INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC SCIENCE. HE IS AN ARdent AGITATOR AND A STRONG OPPONENT OF THIS ENTERPRISE.) GAVE THE FULL MEETING OF THE DDP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (IN THE ABSENCE OF FREITAG, WHO WAS ILL), A MEMORANDUM WHICH HE SAID WAS A RECENT MEMORANDUM OF THE ECONOMIC MINISTRY, PREPARED FOR (D) LUDWIG HERRMANN TO GIVE TO THE CABINET. THE MEMORANDUM ASSERTED THAT FINNISH AND ITALIAN INDUSTRIALISTS HAVE WARNED THAT THE GROWING INTEGRATION OF BENELUXAN INDUSTRIES, THROUGH THE BORSIG PLAN AND THE PROPOSALS FOR AN AMIE POOL, MEANS THAT THE EXTENSION OF COMMUNISM IN WEST GERMANY WILL ENCORE SIMILAR HENDADS IN FRANCE AND ITALY, WITH POSSIBLY DISASTROUS RESULTS IN VIEW OF THE COMMUNIST

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INFLUENCE IN THE UNIONS IN THE COUNTRIES. ERHARD ASKED THE CABINET, FOR THE SAKE OF HIS POSITION NEGOTIATIONS, TO PREVENT ANY EXPANSION OF CO-DETERMINATION.

4. ATTACHED TO ERHARD'S REPORT WAS A PROPOSAL FOR CO-DETERMINATION TACTICS, WHICH SUGGESTED THAT THE EXISTING CO-DETERMINATION LAWS SHOULD BE MODIFIED TO ENHANCE THE DEGREE OF CO-DETERMINATION. IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT AFTER THE YOUTH WORKERS, WHO ARE ASSUMED TO BE THE MOST RADICAL MEMBERS OF THE UNIONS, HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM UNION ACTIVITY BY CONSCRIPTION, THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE OBLIGED TO PUT THROUGH THE REPEAL OF SOME CLAUSES IN THE LAWS WITHOUT TO ENCOURAGE OPPOSITION FROM THE UNIONS, BY PROMISING THE OLDER WORKERS HIGHER PAY AND PENSION-CHERRING.

5. AS OF 19 JANUARY THE LEADERS OF THE SPD WENT WITHOUT INFORMATION ON THE LAUNCH OF A MASS MOVEMENT CALLED "VOLKSEBENFUND ZUR WIEDERVEREINIGUNG DEUTSCHLANDS", LAUNCHED BY A POLITICOMMERKUS, CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC-SERVICE AND TRANSPORT WORKERS' UNION. THEY HAVE DECIDED TO BE RESERVES OF THIS UNORGANIZED M.V., WHICH THEY FEEL DUPLICATES EFFORTS ALREADY UNDER WAY.

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